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Relevance of Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2002-037206 is disclosed in paragraph [0002] of the specification.

International Search report of this international application and the written opinion of the International Search Authority are attached herewith.

Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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		JP-11-011441-A	01/19/1999	SHIMADA	[0004], [0012], [0013], [0028], [0029], Fig. 3	Yes
		JP-2002-037206-A	02/06/2002	IWASA et al.	Claims 7, 8	Yes
		JP-4-68801-U	06/18/1992	HORISHIMA et al.	Fig. 4	No

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